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Applicant: )  
Digital Gene Technologies, Inc. )  
Application No.: PCT/US99/26824 )  
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For: GENE EXPRESSION MODULATED BY ACTIVATION )  
OF MICROGLIA OR MACROPHAGES )

**RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 66**

Preliminary Examining Authority  
European Patent Office  
D-80298 Munich  
Attention: K. Muller-Thomalla

Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion mailed on September 19, 2000, the Applicant submits this amendment and response.

**The Amendment to the Specification**

Please replace originally-filed pages 1-3, and 81 with the attached substitute sheets 1-3, and 81. The Examiner has requested that Applicant identify the D1-D4 prior art documents and include the relevant background art disclosed therein (section VII, paragraph 1). In addition, the Examiner has objected to the language found on page 81, lines 5-8 as being vague (section VIII, paragraph 3). Accordingly, the substitute sheets contain the following changes:

On page 1, line 17, after "Fedoroff et al., eds., (1993)" Applicant has inserted ";Carson et al., Soc. Neurosci., 24:634.8 (1998)"